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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSITIONAL AUTHORITY IN CAMBODIA

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part I)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 80th plenary meeting, on 4 February 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. At its 58th and 59th meetings, on 12 and 13 February 1992, the Fifth Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia - Initial phase of the implementation plan (A/46/235/Add.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/46/874).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/46/L.22

3. At its 59th meeting, on 13 February, the representative of Canada introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/46/L.22. The representative of Japan made a statement.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/46/L.22 as orally revised without a vote. The representative of Portugal made a statement, following the adoption of the resolution, on behalf of the 12 member States of the European Community.

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (see A/C.5/46/SR.58 and 59).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/18 of 20 November 1991 and 46/198 of 20 December 1991,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the initial phase of the implementation plan of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 717 (1991) of 16 October 1991, by which the Council established the United Nations Advance Mission in Cambodia to be emplaced immediately after the signing of the agreements on a comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodia conflict,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 718 (1991) of 31 October 1991, by which the Council expressed its full support for the agreements on a comprehensive political settlement of the Cambodia conflict, signed in Paris on 23 October 1991, which, inter alia, call for the establishment of a United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia,

Noting that the unusual approach of seeking a substantial appropriation in advance of the General Assembly's review and approval of the detailed cost estimate of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia is prompted by the extraordinary circumstances of the tasks to be performed by the Authority and the consequent need to obtain in a timely manner the large quantities of equipment and services it will require, as reflected in the statement of the Secretary-General in his report 1/ and the exchange of letters between the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council reproduced therein, 3/ and in the statement by the representative of the Secretary-General to the 58th meeting of the Fifth Committee, 4/

1/ A/46/235/Add.1.

2/ A/46/874.

3/ A/46/235/Add.1, annexes I and II.

4/ See A/C.5/46/SR.58.

Noting further that the plan for implementing the mandate envisaged in the agreements is under preparation and is to be submitted to the Security Council at the earliest possible date,

Recognizing that the costs to prepare for the deployment of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia are part of the total expenses of the operation and as such are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures for the deployment of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the necessary financial resources to enable the Secretary-General to fulfil the tasks envisaged in the Paris agreements as supported by the Security Council and the General Assembly in their respective resolutions and to prepare for the deployment of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Urges all Member States to ensure payment of their assessed contributions in full and on time;

3. Decides to appropriate an amount of 200,000,000 United States dollars to meet the initial, unavoidable requirements, as indicated in the reports of the Secretary-General and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to enable the Secretary-General to initiate the action necessary for a timely deployment of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia consistent with the eventual plan of implementation, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Authority;

4. Decides also to take into account the amount of $200,000,000 appropriated above against the full assessments to be levied on Member States upon the approval of the total cost estimates of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia;

5. Decides further, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 200,000,000 dollars among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991 and 46/198, and taking into account the scale of assessments set out in resolution 46/221 A of 20 December 1991;

6. Invites voluntary contributions to the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/192 A of 21 December 1989;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that resources to prepare for the deployment of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia are administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy, and bearing in mind paragraph 11 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the status of the Security Council actions on the Authority;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the full and detailed budget of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia during the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly.